

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 15, 2018, 5:30 p.m, Old Schoolhouse Common

Present: Selectboard members Richard Baker, Laurie Colgan and Christopher Martin; Town Clerk Bobbi Brimblecombe; Village Trustee Ian Covey; Firefighters Will Schwarz and Tim Morris; Library Director Susan Green; Visitors Renee and David Lawrence

At 5:30 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Chair Chris Martin

Changes or additions to the agenda: Old Schoolhouse Common rental space, Green Mountain Power tabletop exercise

Public Comment: Ian Covey is a Village Trustee. The Trustees looked at the space that is available in the Old Schoolhouse Common but they will not be able to make a final decision until next week. Another person came to look at the space today and said they would take it if the Village does not. Ian asked the Town to give the Village until next Thursday to decide. The board agreed.

Review and Approval of Minutes: The Board approved the minutes of the May 2, 2018 Selectboard meeting.

Bunker Hill Circle: Renee Lawrence showed the Selectboard photos of how the dirt from the road washes onto her property and into her garage. They feel that the problem is due to the road being raised by the Town. They have added topsoil to their property to try to raise it back up above the level of the road but the water washes down the hill and across their property. This has been a problem since they built their garage 12 years ago.

Laurie suggested trying to find an engineer to look at the issue and suggest a solution. David Lawrence suggested “rap” which is similar to paving. Chris will talk with Regional Planning and Shauna Clifford to see if they have suggestions for engineers that could help figure out the problem.

Emergency Planning: Chris explained that he took the ICS 402 class yesterday so the town can re-adopt the Local Emergency Operations Plan. The Board re-adopted it with a few minor changes to phone numbers.

The Board and firefighters discussed the upcoming tabletop exercise with Green Mountain Power. Chris, Laurie, and Will plan to attend. Tim Morris and Bobbi will be there for part of the day.

Ambulance Service: The Board discussed the contract with East Montpelier Ambulance Service. The Selectboard will add a clause to the contract that will allow the Board to cancel if the budget is not approved at town meeting next year. The Selectboard intends to make East Montpelier our primary ambulance service. The Board will include emergency services in the Selectboard budget for next year, rather than having it as a separate article.

Old Schoolhouse Common: Library Director Susan Green asked for permission to have a campfire for a program at the Library. The Board approved.

Highway Department Issues: The road crew asked whether a hydroseeder was in the budget. The Board did not include it in the budget for 2018.

The Selectboard approved a quote from Marshfield Tree Service and Logging for \$1,000 for removing trees that are hanging as a result of the wind storm last fall. The cost will be eligible for reimbursement from FEMA.

The Board signed a letter of intent to participate in the Grants-In-Aid program for 2018, for work required to reduce erosion in anticipation of the Municipal Roads General Permit. The Town will be eligible for up to \$9,200 in reimbursements.

Job Descriptions: The Board approved job descriptions for the Road Foreman and Assistant Road Foreman. Offers will be made for those two positions.

Expenses, Permits & Payroll: Selectboard members read and signed reports for General Expenses and Payroll.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bobbi Brimblecombe, Town Clerk

The foregoing is a true copy of the Minutes of the May 15, 2018 Selectboard Meeting.
A True Record. Attest, _____, Town Clerk
